

HILLMOOR COMMISSION MINUTES

THURSDAY, February 19, 2026 – 6:00 PM

LAKE GENEVA CITY HALL; COUNCIL CHAMBERS (MAIN LEVEL)

Members: Mayor Todd Krause, Alderperson Cindy Yager, Mark Davids, Kenneth Etten, Dan Getzen, Larry Happ, Paula Porubcan, Peggy Schneider, Lowell Thompson, and Consultant Michael Krajovic. City staff David Winger-City Parks Director.

Call to Order by Alderperson Cindy Yager at 6:00 pm.

Roll Call - Present: Alderperson Cindy Yager, Kenneth Etten, Larry Happ, Lowell Thompson, Dan Getzen, Mark Davids, Paula Porubcan, Consultant Michael Krajovic, and Parks Director David Winger. Mayor Krause and Peggy Schneider were excused.

Comments from the public as allowed by Wis. Stats. §19.84(2), limited to items on this agenda, except for public hearing items. Comments will be limited to 5 minutes. (Public comments can be reviewed on the City's website.) Betty Volquardsen and Joel Hoiland spoke during the public comment period.

Approve the Minutes of January 8, 2026 - On a motion by Larry Happ and seconded by Paula Porubcan, the January 22, 2026 minutes were unanimously approved.

Hillmoor/Consultant Report - Consultant M. Krajovic announced that due to a conflict with the Mayor's schedule, the next Hillmoor Commission meeting scheduled for March 12th has been rescheduled to Friday, March 13th at 1 pm in the Council Chambers. And he stated that the start time for the March 19th Hillmoor meeting has been moved back to 7 pm, one hour later than the normal 6 pm start time also due to a scheduling conflict for the Mayor.

Motion to Change Agenda Order – On a motion by Lowell Thompson and seconded by Larry Happ, the Commission unanimously approved moving up item 7 on the agenda to become item 6, and correspondingly moving agenda item 6 back to item 7.

Presentation/Discussion of Hillmoor Planning Process – Consultant Michael Krajovic gave a PowerPoint presentation that summarized the City's Hillmoor planning efforts since 2023 and the primary objectives moving forward. He highlighted that over the last three years public opinion has been consistent in support of connecting with Nature and for outdoor recreation, which is alignment with the Commission's current focus. He showed a map noting that current plans call for the vast majority of the Hillmoor property to remain natural green space. The current planning of Zone 1 proposes to locate most amenities on the west side of the Whiter River, closest to residents and downtown. He reviewed the Commission's project evaluation process, and the extensive efforts which have been undertaken to seek on going public input. He stated that at this time the top priority for the Commission and City is to finalize path locations in Zone 1 (based on the best location of amenities) which are needed to complete the Knowles-Nelson Grant. The primary purpose of the grant is to pay for the construction of new paths in Zone 1. In summary, he stated that based on three years of public input, the Commission's planning process and project evaluation process have recommended projects which are in alignment with the majority of residents. He also emphasized that the Commission's approval of a concept plan is not a final project investment decision for any new amenity. The final approval of a specific project which will be made by City Council will take

additional analysis and a funding plan that could involve multiple sources of funding including donations and grants.

Presentation/Discussion Regarding Zone 1 Planning and Feb. 5th and 7th Public Input Meetings – Michelle Kelly, Principal Landscape Architect for Upland Design, via Zoom video conferencing, presented the public opinion survey results from the Thursday evening, February 5th and the Saturday morning, February 7th public input sessions held in the City's Police Training room. The online survey was developed to collect input of the 3 draft concept layout plans of Zone 1 that were first reviewed by the Commission at its January 22, 2026 meeting. Survey results were also collected from people who reviewed the 3 concept plans at Lake Geneva's Public Library which were on public display February 9th through February 12th. The Commission was pleased that it received 373 responses to the survey which indicated that the majority of respondents favored Concept A's general layout of trails and amenities as a foundational plan. Preferred types of amenities which included a splash pad, entry plaza, new dog park, amphitheater, picnic pavilions, and playground were selected from all three concept plans. The Commission members went through an extensive discussion and review of the material with Upland Design and gave detailed recommendations to incorporate into the development of a final concept plan for Zone 1. (The presentation and survey results are available for review on the City's website.)

Adjournment – On a motion by Mark Davids and seconded by Lowell Thompson to adjourn, the motion was unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:57 pm.